

REMARKS

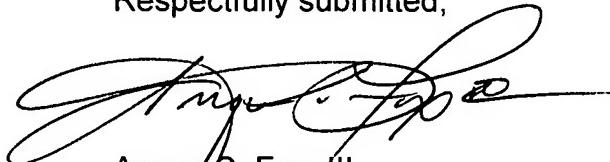
Claims 1, 30, 32 and 33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Imagawa (U.S. Pat. No 5,072,642). Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Imagawa in view of Sider (U.S. Pat. No 4,031,798) and Lucas (U.S. Pat. No 6,639,135).

In view of the new cited reference to Imagawa, the applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 30 by incorporating therein the limitations of claims 3 and 31, respectively.

It is believed that the specification and amended claims of the present application are now in a condition for allowance.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding office action.

Respectfully submitted,



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